WRITTEN ANSWERS TO STARRED QUESTIONS

Assignment of jobs and works under SGRY

*324. SHRI EKANATH K. THAKUR: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Government of Maharashtra had requested the Central Government to assign jobs and works under the Sampoorna Gramin Rojgar Yojana (SGRY) to Labour Co-operative Societies; and

(b) if so, what was the precise request of the State Government and what decision has been taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (DR. RAGHUVANSH PRASAD SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir

(b) The Government of Maharashtra has requested for permission to award works to Labour Co-operative Societies under the SGRY. Under the SGRY guidelines, it is not permissible to award works to Labour Co-operative Societies.

Snag in the engine of jaguar fighter

*325. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a Court of Enquiry set up by Government to go into the crash of a Jaguar fighter aircraft on May 7 near Ambala had pointed out a snag in the engine of the aircraft which led to the crash; and

(b) if so, the action Government have taken in the light of the observation of the Court of Enquiry?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) The Court of Inquiry into the Jaguar aircraft accident that took place on 7th May, 2004 near Ambala, is in progress and the exact cause of the accident will be known only after the findings of the Court of Inquiry are finalised.

(b) Does not arise.